

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

MAY 18, 2023

9:30AM - 10:30AM

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board will have a hybrid schedule of in-person and virtual meetings. In-person meetings will resume in FY 2023, meeting dates can be found on the Board's webpage.

In-person meetings will be at 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20002.

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+1-202-860-2110 United States Toll (Washington D.C.)

1-650-479-3208 Call-in toll number (US/Canada)

BOARD MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

	DANIEL TEICH, DVM — CHAIRPERSON	P
	SOPHIE STENNER, BVetMed PGCertSAS MRCVS – BOARD MEMBER	P
	LAUREN STUMP, DVM – BOARD MEMBER	P
	AMY HAYWOOD, LVT – VETERINARY TECHNICIAN BOARD MEMBER	P
	BLAIR ZERVOS – CONSUMER MEMBER	P

STAFF MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:

STAFF MEMBERS:

	SHARON LEWIS, DHA-RN-BC, CPM – INTERIM DIRECTOR	EA
	ARIAN R. GIBSON, M.S. – SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR	EA
	AISHA NIXON, MPT, CPM — ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	EA
	VITO DELVENTO, DVM, MS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	P
	JOY MCFARLANE-MILLS, BS, CPM, ILAM – SUPERVISORY BIOLOGIST	P
	KUNTUMIE HOLSTON, PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST	P
	EMILIA MORAN, INVESTIGATOR	P
	MATTEO LIEB, LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS SPECIALIST	P
	SAHAR MAJID, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	P

LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:

LEGAL STAFF MEMBERS:

	ED RICH, ESQ, BOARD ATTORNEY	P
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OPEN SESSION MINUTES MAY 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0518-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:34 AM B. PRESIDING — Dr. Dan Teich, DVM — Chairperson C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT — All Present D. QUORUM — Yes E. STAFF PRESENT – All except Sharon Lewis (Excused Absence), Arian Gibson (Excused absence) and Aisha Nixon (Excused absence). F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE — Emily Hovermale, Humane Rescue Alliance & Beth Venit, AAVSB</p>
OS-0518-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of May 18, 2023 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for May 18, 2023.</p> <p>Moved By: Dan Teich, DVM Chairperson</p> <p>Seconded By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-0518-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from April 20, 2023 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for April 20, 2023 meeting.</p> <p>Moved By: Dan Teich, DVM Chairperson</p> <p>Seconded By: Blair Zervos, Consumer Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	
OS-0518-04	<p><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p>	
OS-0518-05	<p><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports on behalf of Mr. Arian Gibson who could not join the meeting due to some other engagements.</p> <p>Mr. Gibson had nothing specific to report although he has introduced the concept of a reciprocity agreement between the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia for all health professional licensing boards that Dr. DelVento explained further in the Executive Director’s report.</p>	

OS-0518-06	<p><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports on behalf of Ms. Aisha Nixon. Ms. Aisha Nixon could not join the meeting and she had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-0518-07	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Licenses: 456 • Expired Licenses: 540 • Approved Renewal Applications: 309 • New Applications Under Review: 30 • Renewal Applications Under Review: 0 <p>Dr. DelVento reports that talks are underway to create a reciprocity agreement between the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia for all health professional licensing boards.</p> <p>According to this agreement, all health professional licensees who are licensed in Maryland and/or Virginia will be entitled to a DC license as well given certain conditions are met.</p> <p>Right now, DC Health is in conversation with the boards of Maryland and Virginia health professional licenses. There will be more updates available soon.</p>	
OS-0518-08	<p><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></p> <p>ONLINE DOG LICENSING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>DC Health, Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA) is excited to announce the opening of our new online dog licensing system. All dog owners in the District are required to submit their dog registration or renewal applications by going to the below link and submitting an online application.</p>	

	<p>https://dchealth.force.com/animalservices/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fanimalservices%2Fs%2F</p> <p>Dr. DelVento stated that we regularly update the data related to dog licensing. Rabies surveillance program has been going on well. We are now gearing up for the arbovirus surveillance program that will officially begin in the first week of June 2023. As Summer is here, we are expecting more animal related activity in the District.</p>	
OS-0518-09	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-0518-10	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Mr. Ed Rich had nothing specific to report.</p>	
OS-0518-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>There were no comments from the public.</p>	
OS-0518-12	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>Future Board meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 15, 2023 (In-Person) • July 20, 2023 • August (Recess) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 21, 2023 • October 19, 2023 (In-Person) • November 16, 2023 • December 21, 2023 <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports that HRLA has been putting together a quarterly newsletter/magazine that will highlight all boards' activities across HRLA.</p>	
OS-0518-13	<p><u>ANIMAL RELATED COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>COVID-19 Recommendations for Pet Stores, Pet Distributors, and Pet Breeding Facilities: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/pet-store.html</p> <p>COVID-19 Considerations for Animal Activities at Fairs, Shows, and Other Events: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/events-animal-activities.html</p> <p>Dr. Vito DelVento reports that as Public Health Emergency has been officially ended, there will be no animal related Covid19 recommendations in our future board meetings.</p>	
OS-0518-14	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></p> <p>Update in NAVLE retake policy — (effective June 1, 2023)</p> <p>At the January 2023 ICVA Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved a recommendation to update the ICVA-recommended NAVLE retake policy by removing the component of the policy requiring that each of the final two attempts be at least one year from the previous attempt. The first</p>	

	<p>testing window to use this updated policy will be the November-December 2023 NAVLE administration.</p> <p>The ICVA-recommended NAVLE retake policy continues to recommend that candidates not be approved to take the test more than five times, and that they not be allowed to sit for the examination at a date that is later than five years after their first attempt.</p> <p>2022 ICVA Assessment Grant Winners</p> <p>In our March edition of the In Focus Newsletter we spotlighted the winners of the 2022 ICVA Assessment Grant: Drs. Sarah M. Cavanaugh, Robert O. Gilbert, and W. Brady Little from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine. Their proposal, “Holistic admissions review: A tool to predict early performance in veterinary school including use of novel indicators.” will analyze academic and non-academic data of first-year veterinary students to develop a model to predict academic difficulty during their first two semesters of the veterinary curriculum. Read more about this exciting project in the March issue of In Focus.</p> <p>2023 Assessment Grant Program</p> <p>Applications for the 2023 Assessment Grant program has been available since May 11th. We encourage interested applicants to review the grant requirements and deadlines on our website.</p>	
OS-0518-15	<p><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></p> <p>Watchdog Tracking Report</p> <p>AAVSB’s Watchdog released its monthly report for the month of January 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 2023 Conventional Report • April 2023 Updates by Jurisdiction Report View • April 2023 Activity at a Glance (Attached with this agenda) 	

Watchdog is your resource center for:

- Legislative and regulatory activity reports
- Board updates
- VMA updates
- Map view of Legislative Sessions
- Conveniently linked news coverage of recent legislative activity and issues affecting the veterinary regulatory community.

The AAVSB is thrilled to bring you this new member service in support of its mission to support and advance the regulatory process for veterinary medicine. As this online resource center expands, Member Boards will gain a powerful research tool and increase their usability of key legislative advancements.

Call for Nominations: June 1, 2023 Nominations due

[Call for Nominations Document](#)

[Submit Nominations](#)

The AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference

September 28 - 30, 2023 in Kansas City, MO

We invite our Executive Directors and Registrars to join the in-person ED session on Wednesday, September 27.

New Model Regulations

The AAVSB's Regulatory Policy Task Force (RPTF) has created three new Model Regulations and is seeking comments from the AAVSB Member Board Executive Directors and Registrars. Please share within your organization as needed to develop comments.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Model Regulations- Establishment And Maintenance Of A Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship · Model Regulations- Telehealth And The Virtual Practice Of Veterinary Medicine And Veterinary Technology · Model Regulations- Safe Haven Program <p>New opportunities with the AAVSB</p> <p>This year there are six leadership opportunities with the AAVSB. Nominations for the 2023-2024 leadership year are now open. The AAVSB Nominating Committee asks that you review the Call for Nominations document and visit www.aavsb.org/nominations to submit nominations online.</p>	
OS-0518-16	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u> <u>PDMP</u></p> <p>Mr. Matteo Lieb provided the following updates:</p> <p>FY 2024 Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Mayor released the proposed FY 2024 budget on March 22nd and hosted a presentation about it that same day to the Council. ▪ On March 24th, the Committee of the Whole held a hearing on the FY 2024 budget during which Councilmembers asked the Mayor and her team detailed questions about the proposed budget. ▪ DC Health’s had its Budget Oversight hearing on April 10th (public witnesses) and then April 12th (DC Health representatives). During the hearing there were many topics raised including professional licensing, animal services, and school nursing. ▪ The Committee on Health held its budget mark-up for DC Health on April 26th at 11:30am. In that mark-up, changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding dementia training for direct care workers ○ Allocating over \$1.4 million for the high-need healthcare scholarship program 	

- Providing an additional 2.25 licensing professionals within the Office of Health Professional Licensing Boards
- Enhancing funding for food access programs at DC Health
- The Committee of the Whole subsequently made some additional changes (around senior dental and food access). The Council had its first reading on the FY 2024 budget on May 16th with no Councilmembers voting in opposition. The second reading for the FY 2024 budget is scheduled for May 30th.

Federal Spouse Licensure:

- Congress has recently passed legislation to reduce barriers for military spouses to gaining licensure in new jurisdictions. This legislation, the *Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act of 2022* ([H.R. 7939](#)), went into effect on January 5th, 2023.
 - This new law intends to ensure that military spouses with professional licensure in good standing in other states can practice in new states where their spouses are relocated.
- The Office of Health Professional Licensing Boards and the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) are working to establish a process by which military spouses could attain privileges to practice in the District.

Compact Legislation:

- Councilmember Gray has introduced bills that would have the District join two health professional licensing compacts:
 - The *Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact Approval Act of 2023* ([B25-0286](#)) would have the District join the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact and applies to Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants. The compact is not operational but is scheduled to start accepting applications in mid-2024.
 - The *Counseling Compact Approval Act of 2023* ([B25-0287](#)) would have the District join the Counseling Compact and applies to Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs).
- DC Health is evaluating both pieces of legislation. No further action is currently scheduled for either piece of legislation.

	<p><u>Veterinarian, Veterinarian Technician, Veterinarian Euthanasia Technician Regulations</u></p> <p>The new Veterinary Technician and Euthanasia Technicians regulations became effective Friday, August 6, 2021. At this time, the DC Department of Health will not be issuing registrations until the process is in place.</p> <p>The Department of Health is currently creating the platform by which individuals can submit an application for registration as either a Veterinary Technician or a Veterinary Euthanasia Technician. Once the platform is available, there will be a grace period for which individuals will need to come into full compliance.</p>	
OS-0518-17	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></p> <p>https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0518-18	<p><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></p>
OS-0518-19	<p><u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p>

OS-0518-20	<p><u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u></p>
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CLOSING	
OS-0518-21	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>Background: This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Executive Section, which is closed to the public, to seek the advice of counsel to the board, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(4); to administer licensing of health professionals governed by the Board, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(6); to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(9); administration of licensing pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(6); discuss ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(14). This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov</p>
OS-0518-22	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p>Board Action: To adjourn the meeting.</p>

	<p>Background: At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p>	
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This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2023

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